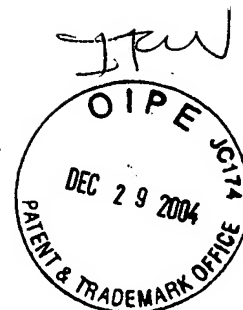


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Nobuo KURATAKA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1846
Application No.: 10/821,871 : Group/Art Unit: 2651
Filed: April 12, 2004 : Examiner: Unknown
For: SERVO PATTERN FORMATION VIA TRANSFER OF SOL-GEL LAYER AND MAGNETIC
MEDIA OBTAINED THEREBY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	7	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant of Amendment, dated December 23, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment including a complete listing of all claims with their proper status identifier, on a separate sheet. The Amendment to the specification also appears on a separate sheet.

Applicants are responding within the 30 day time period set by the notice and therefore no Petition For Extension of Time is required.